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1. On 22 May 1951, special military units of the Czechoslovak Army prepared to demolish villages in the border area. All houses in the Hamr and Kyselicky valley (N51/P36) have reportedly been burned down already to prevent border crossers and particularly agents from using them as shelter or cover.
2. Preparations are also being made to flood the eastern area of Stara Albenreuth (N51/P36) to Kyselicky and Hamr in the event of outbreak of war.
3. Unconfirmed reports indicate that the town of As (M51/P18) is to be completely evacuated. Officials are to be moved to the interior. Factories in the town are to be evacuated and only military garrisons will remain. Some of the workers will be transferred to other border area factories, and some will be moved inland. It was reported that on 30 May 1951 Selbska Street on the southwest outskirts of As was already deserted.

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